

POLICY STATEMENT

BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG

(Approved by Mayor and Town Council at the 9/23/03 Regular Public Council Meeting)
(Section 6 Revised by Mayor and Town Council at the 3/19/07 Special Public Council Meeting)
(Section 6 Revised by Mayor and Town Council at the 4/28/08 Regular Public Council Meeting)
(Section 7 and 8 Added by Mayor and Town Council at the 4/28/08 Regular Public Council Meeting)
(Section 9 and 10 Added by Mayor and Town Council at the 9/13/10 Regular Public Council Meeting)
(Section 6 Revised and Sections 11, 12 and 13 Added by Mayor and Town Council at the 11/5/12 Special Public Council Meeting)
(Revised by Mayor and Town Council at the 8/11/14 Regular Public Council Meeting)

SIDEWALKS AND CURBS

The following is a policy statement effective January 1, 2004 regarding sidewalks and curbs in the Borough of Chambersburg which takes into account pedestrian safety.

1. The standards for sidewalks and curbs are set forth in Borough Ordinance 2001-11 and the specifications of the Borough of Chambersburg Engineering Department.
2. These standards are enforced on a complaint (and limited observation) basis.
3. Town Council is requesting that property owners bring their sidewalks and curbs to the standards set forth in the above regulations.
4. Property owners will be notified of the sidewalk and curb standards so that they can bring their sidewalks and curbs into compliance with the above regulations.
5. A Committee has been established by Town Council to monitor the compliance of property owners with the sidewalk and curb standards as well as recommend to Town Council purpose steps regarding sidewalks and curbs.
6. When a street is reconstructed or overlaid and there are no curbs, curbing will be required as part of the construction at the property owners expense per foot and property owners will have two (2) years to put sidewalks in after the curbs are completed. Also when a street is reconstructed or overlaid and the curb is present but no sidewalk, the property owner will have two (2) years to construct the sidewalk upon completion of the reconstruction or overlay. For properties where curb and/or sidewalk has not been constructed within 18 months from the date of the Construction Notice the Engineering Office will issue a second Notice indicating the original deadline for construction and notice that if the work is not completed by the deadline it may be completed by the Borough and billed to the property owner according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-33.
7. Sidewalks shall not be required whenever a street goes to a dead end unless there is a destination for the general public such as a business or public recreational area, but curbs will be required for overlays and reconstructions of streets.
8. Sidewalks that are raised by large tree roots, concrete can be replaced with asphalt or brick pavers. When the large tree roots are removed, concrete shall be installed.

9. In areas of commercial development where the development has not been completed; on a temporary basis (until construction in the area of commercial development is complete), the developer shall install an asphalt sidewalk to enclose the circuit with existing concrete sidewalks.
10. In areas of commercial development the developer will install at all corners of the development ADA accessible ramps out of concrete.
11. When the Borough receives a complaint or encounters a sidewalk in an unsafe condition that presents a tripping hazard as determined by the Engineering Office a Repair Violation Notice will be issued to the property owner indicating that work must be completed within 20 business days of the date of the Notice or the work may be completed by the Borough and billed to the property owner according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-33.
12. When the Borough receives a complaint or encounters a curb and/or sidewalk in need of general repair as determine by the Engineering Office a Repair Notice will be issued to the property owner indicating that work must be completed within 120 days of the date of the Notice. If the work is not completed within 120 days of the date of the Notice the Engineering Office will issue a Repair Violation Notice to the property owner indicating that work must be completed within 120 days of the date of the Repair Violation Notice or the work may be completed by the Borough and billed to the property owner according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-33.
13. New curb and/or sidewalk Construction Notice as approved by Town Council. General practice will be for the Curb and Sidewalk Compliance Committee to review/recommend curb and sidewalk notices for areas where curbs and sidewalks do not currently exist however Town Council can authorize notice without Committee recommendation. When approved by Town Council the Engineering Office will issue a Construction Notice to the property owner indicating that work must be completed within two (2) years of the date of the Notice. For properties where curb and/or sidewalk has not been constructed within 18 months from the date of the Construction Notice the Engineering Office will issue a second Notice indicating the original deadline for construction and notice that if the work is not completed by the deadline it may be completed by the Borough and billed to the property owner according to the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, Chapter 254, Section 254-33.